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Travel and Documentation of Military Personnel in P'yŏngyang

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1. During June 1952 in P'yŏngyang all North Korean military personnel, including officers, had to have letters of credence or individual trip permits issued by their unit commanders in order to travel outside their barracks. In the case of unit formations, the trip permit had to prescribe the number of troops in the formation. There were no trains available for passenger travel. If a military traveller presented a letter of credence or individual trip permit to the military police chief in charge of a travel area, a military vehicle ticket would be issued to the traveller. If there was no letter of credence or trip permit available to the military traveller, he might use his military certificate as identification. When travelling armed outside his barracks and not in formation, the soldier carried a weapons certificate. Soldiers were also required to carry a North Korean Labor Party membership card and a Democratic Youth Alliance membership card if they belonged to these organizations.

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Military Leave

2. Since 1951 the regular military leave system of the North Korean army based on length of military service has been abolished. In June 1952 only those soldiers who had been given the title of "hero" were authorized to take one month's leave. The title "hero" was given to those who had shot down three or more enemy aircraft, to those who had killed more than 60 enemy personnel, and to those who had performed other service of equal value.

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